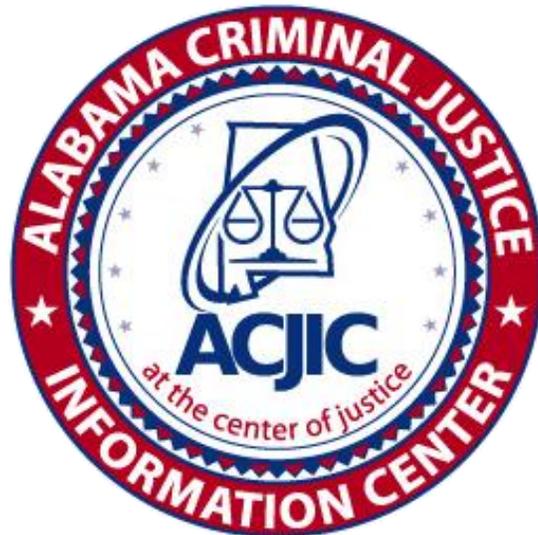


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## *A Message from the Director*



*School Violence in Alabama 2011* is published by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center's (ACJIC) Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). This report concentrates on violent offenses, including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated and simple assault, reported to the state Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program by the state's law enforcement agencies for the calendar year of 2011, where the premise code for the offense was reported as a school. We hope this report will provide a useful snapshot of school violence occurring in our state during 2011.

We hope our efforts to continue to provide quality services to the criminal justice community are helpful to you. ACJIC looks forward to our continued publication of crime statistics and to future enhancements designed to improve public safety through the provision of accurate and timely criminal justice information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maury Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Maury Mitchell  
Director  
Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center

## *Preface*

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The *School Violence in Alabama 2011* report is intended to inform law enforcement officials and private citizens of criminal and law enforcement activity in Alabama. This information was compiled from offense reports where the premise noted by the reporting agency was “school – college/university,” “school – elementary or secondary,” or “school – type not specified.” Both public and private school data may be included, as reported by local law enforcement.

Since the UCR offense and arrest data are the basis of this report, it must be noted that other factors affecting crime are not measured by uniform crime reporting (UCR), such as age, sex, and race of the population, economic conditions of the area, transient population, culture, education, climate, attitudes of the victims toward crime and police, and crime reporting practices of the citizens. Therefore, it is difficult to draw conclusions or make valid comparisons between various jurisdictions by using only the crime and arrest data in this book.

The data in this book are used for analyzing crime problems inherent in the criminal justice system and as a foundation for planning and budgeting. Geographic areas covered in this report include the State of Alabama, county and city strata. **For the purposes of this report,** a **juvenile** is defined as being 17 years of age or younger. As noted above, school crime data was derived by compiling crime statistics from offense reports where the **premise noted by the reporting agency** was “school – college/university,” “school – elementary or secondary,” or “school – type not specified.” Both public and private school data may be included, as reported by local law enforcement.

We would like to extend our appreciation to law enforcement agencies – sheriff’s departments, municipal police departments, and campus police – for their cooperation in the UCR program.

## *School Violence Total*

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Total Violent Crime occurring in schools is comprised of the violent Part I Offenses: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated and Simple Assault.

- There were **296** crimes of school violence reported during 2011 (excluding simple assaults), representing **2%** of the **20,290** total violent offenses reported in 2011. School violence was indicated in **1** homicide, **17** rapes, **30** robberies and **248** aggravated assaults, based on the premise code noted on the offense reports taken at the time the crime was reported.
- There were **1,844** school violence simple assaults reported in 2011.
- Based on all school violence offenses reported in 2011 (including simple assault), the crime rate for school violence for the state was **44.6** per 100,000 inhabitants. On average, there were **6** school violence offenses reported per day. **44%** of school violence incidents were cleared, and **27%** of the clearances were exceptional (lack of prosecution, etc).
- There were **1,209 juvenile victims** of school violence in 2011, representing **57%** of all school violence victims. **41%** of the victims were adults and **2%** were unknown. **41%** of school violence offenders were juveniles, **19%** were adults and **40%** were unknown.
- **53%** of school violence victims were female, and **47%** were male. **55%** of school violence victims were white, **43%** were black, and **2%** of victims were of another race or their race was unknown. **45%** of school violence offenders were male, **23%** were female and **32%** were unknown. **32%** of school violence offenders were white, **34%** were black, and **34%** were other or unknown.
- Handguns or other firearms were used in only **1%** of the school violence offenses, knives in **1%**, hands, fists or feet in **90%**, other dangerous weapons in **7%**, and in **1%** the weapon was unknown. **31%** of school violence victims reported injuries.
- **49%** of the school violence victims were acquaintances with the offender. **20%** of the victims were the teacher or student of the offender, and **1%** of the victims were involved in a working relationship with the offender as a co-worker, employee or employer. **4%** of the victims were a friend of the offender, **4%** were a boyfriend or girlfriend, **2%** were the husband or wife, **1%** was the father or mother of the offender, **1%** was the son or daughter, and **1%** was other family. Only **1%** of the victims were a stranger to the offender, and in **16%** of the offenses the relationship of the victim and offender was unknown.
- **43%** of school violence crimes occurred at an elementary or secondary school, while **22%** occurred at a college or university, and **35%** occurred at an unspecified type of school.

**Violent Offenses (including Simple Assault)  
In Alabama schools 2011**

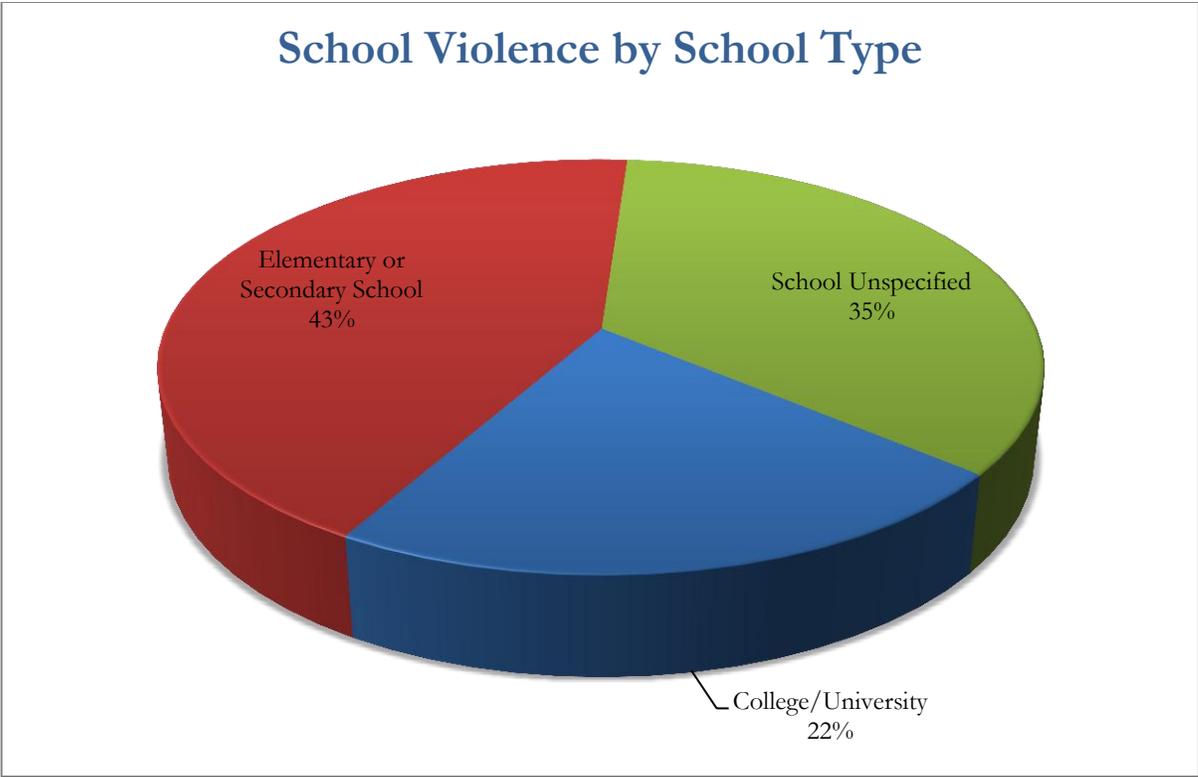
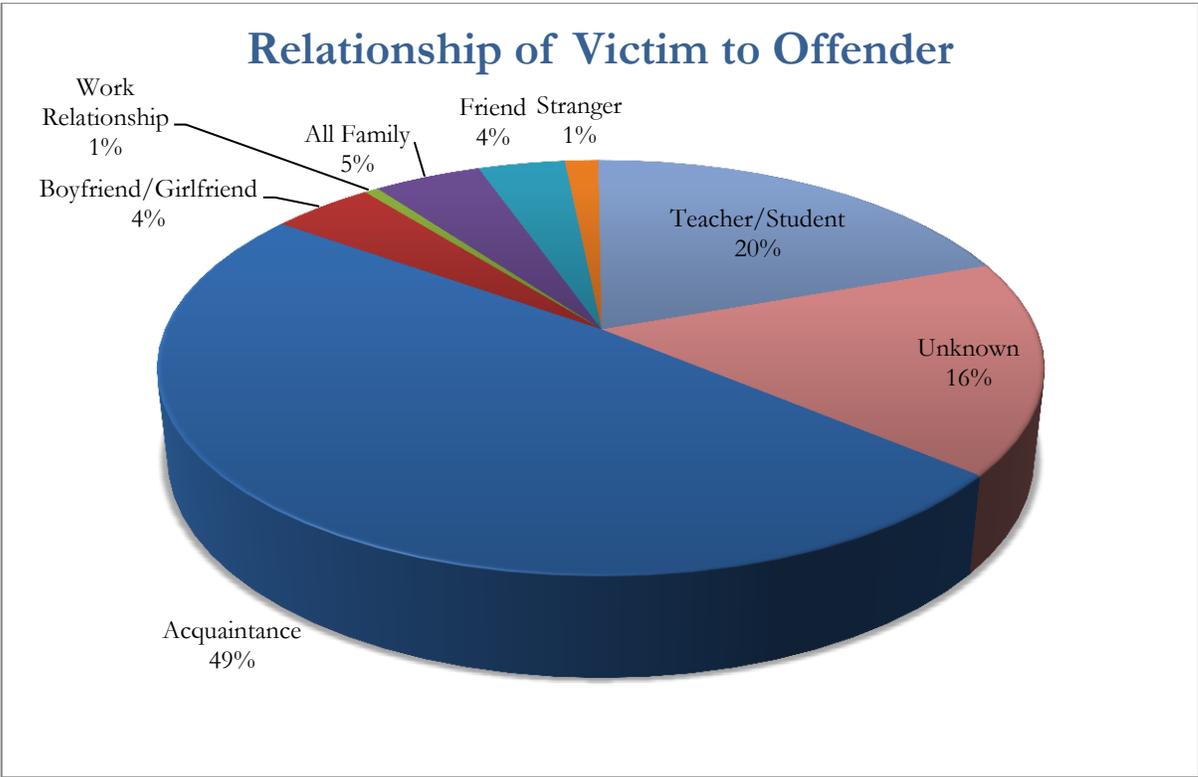
<b>Offense</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>In School</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Homicide	311	1	0%
Rape	1,404	17	1%
Robbery	4,885	30	1%
Aggravated Assault	13,690	248	2%
Simple Assault	62,420	1,844	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,710</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>3%</b>

**Violent Offenses by School Type 2011**

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Elementary/ Secondary</b>	<b>College/ University</b>	<b>School Type Unspecified</b>	<b>School Total</b>
Homicide	0	1	0	1
Rape	5	9	3	17
Robbery	8	11	11	30
Aggravated Assault	96	44	108	248
Simple Assault	809	408	627	1,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>2,140</b>

**School Violence Total 2011  
Relationship of Victim to Offender**

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Acquaintance	1,044	49%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	95	4%
Co-worker	10	0%
Employee/Employer	3	0%
Father/Mother	11	1%
Friend	81	4%
Husband/Wife	41	2%
Other Family	30	1%
Son/Daughter	18	1%
Stranger	31	1%
Teacher/Student	421	20%
Unknown	355	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>100%</b>



## *School Violence - Homicide*

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**Murder and non-negligent manslaughter** is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, accident, justifiable homicides which are the killings of felons by law enforcement officers in the line of duty or by private citizens; and attempts to murder or assaults to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.

- There was **1** school violence related homicide in Alabama in 2011, representing less than **1%** of the **311** total homicides reported during 2011. This homicide was cleared by the arrest of an adult.
- The victim of the homicide was a **19-year-old black male** and the offender was a **19-year-old white male**. The premise code for the homicide indicates it occurred at a **college or university**.
- The relationship of the victim and offender was reported as **friend**, and the weapon used was reported as a lethal cutting instrument.
- While additional homicides may have occurred near college, university, or other school campuses in Alabama in 2011, this was the only homicide reported by police where the premise code was marked as a school.

## *School Violence - Rape*

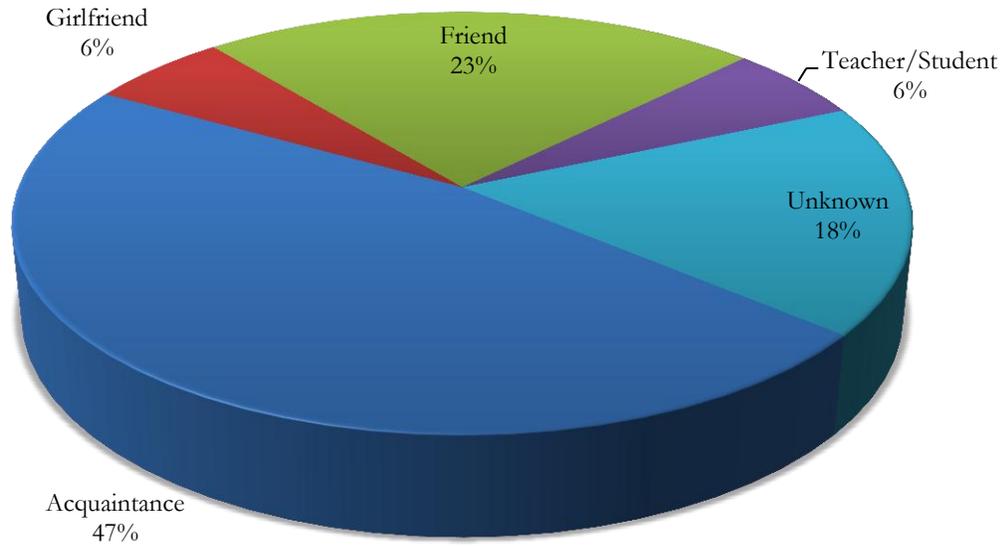
**Rape** is the carnal knowledge of a female through force or the threat of force, including attempts.

- There were **17** school violence related rapes in Alabama in 2011 representing **1%** of the **1,404** total rapes reported during that year.
- The school violence rape rate was **0.7** per 100,000 female inhabitants, based on the latest reporting year of 2011. **7** school violence rapes were cleared for a **47%** clearance rate. **35%** of the clearances were exceptional (lack of prosecution, etc).
- There were **8 juvenile victims** of school violence rape in 2011, representing **47%** of all school violence rapes. Only **12%** of school violence rape offenders were also juveniles.
- **41%** of the school violence rape victims were white females, **53%** were black females, and **6%** were of another race. **18%** of the offenders were white males, **29%** of the offenders were black males, and **53%** were unknown.
- Hands, fists or feet in were the only weapons used in **94%** of the rapes, while other dangerous weapons were used in **6%**. **24%** of the victims reported additional injuries.
- **47%** of the rape victims were acquaintances with the offender. **23%** of the rape victims were friends of the offender and **6%** were the ex-girlfriend of the offender. In **6%** of the rapes the victim and offender has a teacher/student relationship, and in **18%** the relationship of the victim and offender was unknown.
- **53%** of school violence rapes occurred at a college or university, while **29%** occurred at an elementary or secondary school and **18%** occurred at an unspecified type of school.

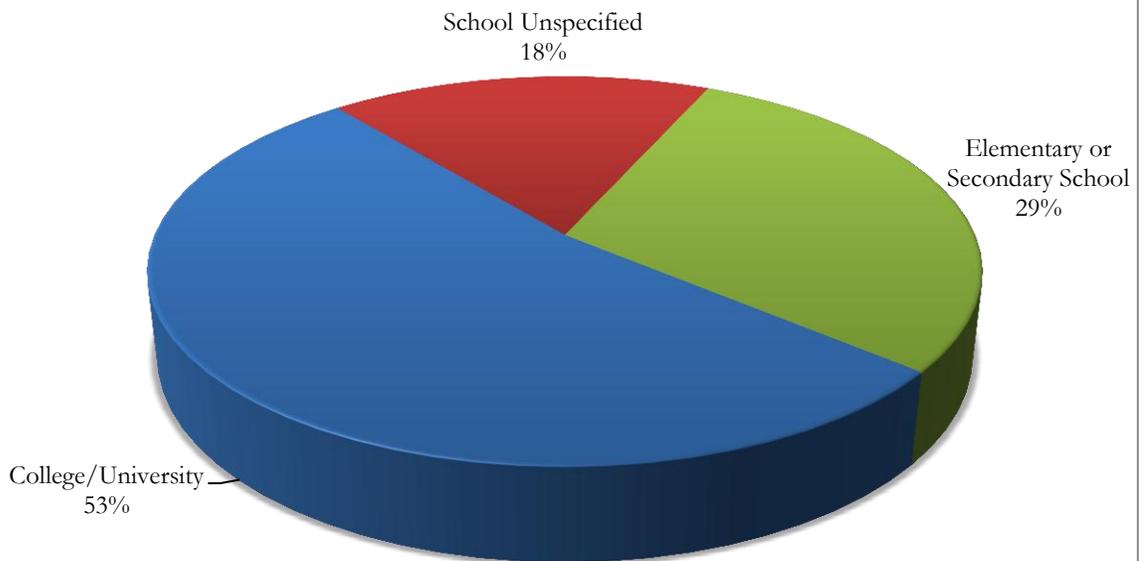
### School Violence Rape 2011 Relationship of Victim to Offender

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Acquaintance	8	<b>47%</b>
Girlfriend	1	<b>6%</b>
Friend	4	<b>23%</b>
Teacher/Student	1	<b>6%</b>
Unknown	3	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>

## School Violence Rape 2011 Relationship of Victim to Offender



## School Violence Rape by School Type



## *School Violence - Robbery*

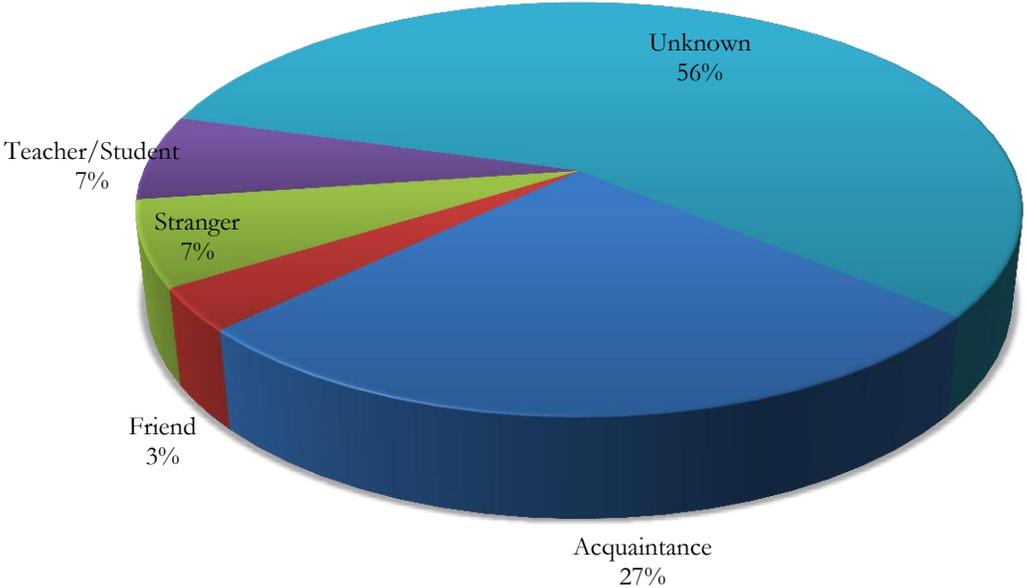
**Robbery** is the stealing or taking anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person, in his presence, by force or by threat of force, includes attempts.

- There were **30** school violence related robberies in Alabama in 2011 representing **1%** of the **4,885** total robberies reported during that time frame.
- The school violence robbery rate was **.62** per 100,000 inhabitants, based on the latest reporting year of 2011. **9** school violence robberies were cleared for a **30%** clearance rate. **3%** of the clearances were exceptional (lack of prosecution, etc).
- There were **16 juvenile victims** of school violence robbery in 2011, representing **53%** of all school violence robberies. **27%** of school violence robbery offenders were also juveniles.
- **17%** of the robbery victims were female, and **83%** were male. **40%** of the robbery victims were white, and **60%** were black. **40%** of robbery offenders were male, **0%** were female and **60%** were unknown. **0%** of school violence robbery offenders were white, **40%** were black, and **60%** were unknown.
- Handguns were used in **27%** of the school violence robberies, knives in **7%**, and hands, fists or feet in **66%**. Only **3%** of the school violence robbery victims reported injuries.
- **27%** of the robbery victims were acquaintances of the offender. **3%** of the robbery victims were a friend of the offender. **7%** of the robbery victims were a stranger to the offender, **7%** were the teacher or student of the offender, and **56%** of the robbery victims were other school.
- **36%** of school violence robberies occurred at a college or university, while **27%** occurred at an elementary or secondary school and **37%** occurred at an unspecified type of school.

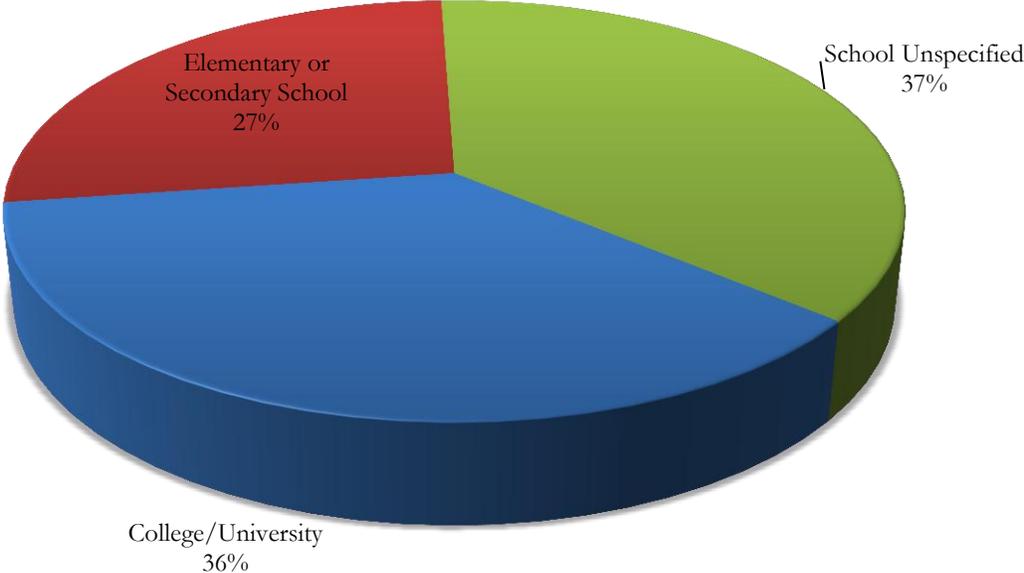
### School Violence Robbery 2011 Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship	Number	% of Total
Acquaintance	8	27%
Friend	1	3%
Stranger	2	7%
Teacher/Student	2	7%
Unknown	17	56%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100%</b>

### School Violence Robbery 2011 Relationship of Victim to Offender



### School Violence Robbery by School Type



## *School Violence – Aggravated Assault*

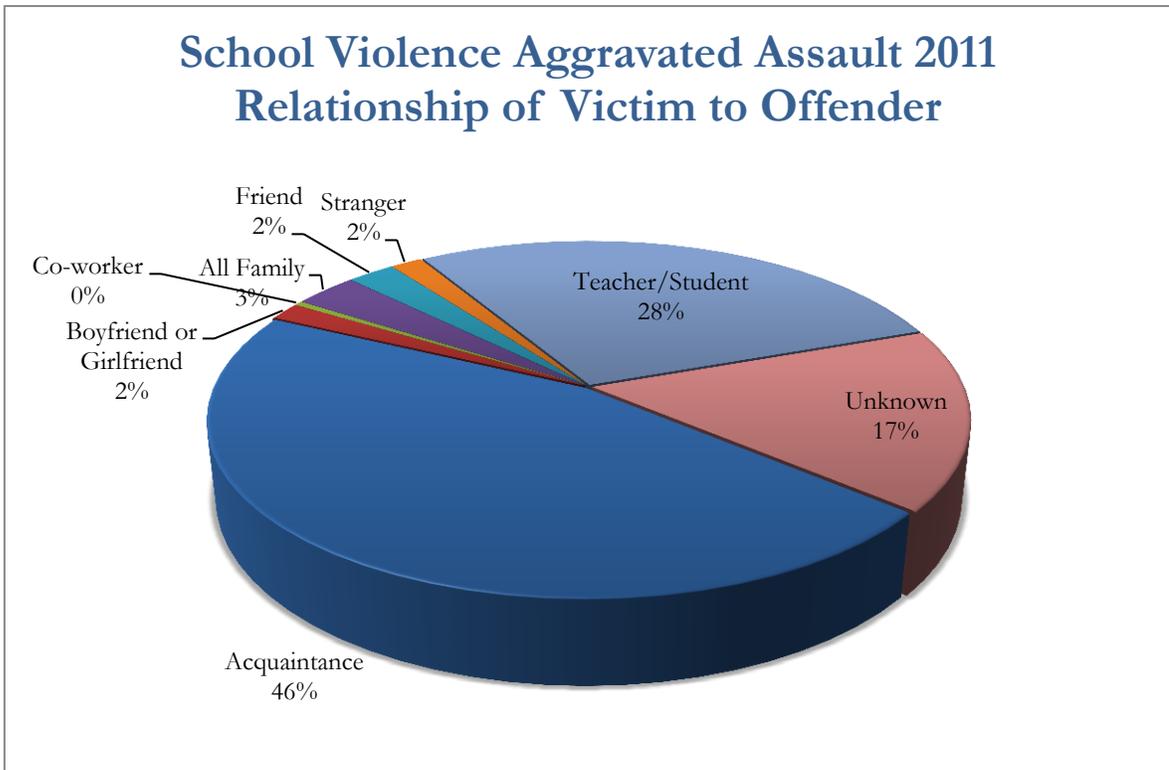
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**Aggravated assault** is the unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury, includes attempts.

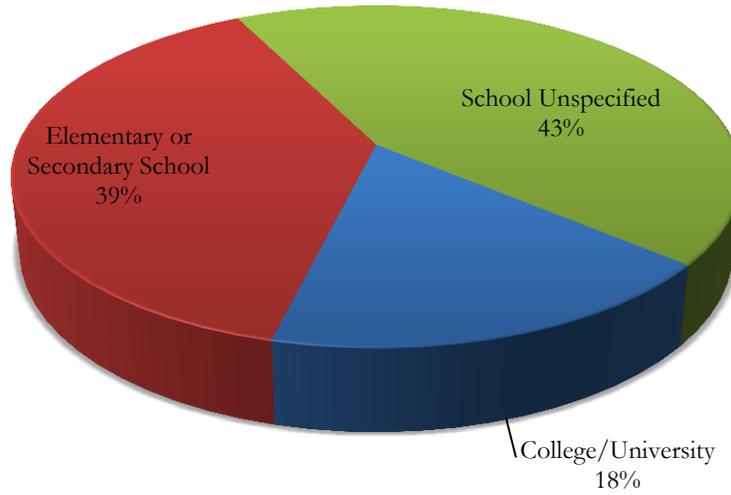
- There were **248** school violence related aggravated assaults in Alabama in 2011 representing **2%** of the **13,690** total aggravated assaults reported during that time frame.
- The school violence aggravated assault rate was **5.2** per 100,000 inhabitants, based on the latest reporting year of 2011. **133** school violence aggravated assaults were cleared for a **54%** clearance rate. **23%** of the clearances were exceptional (lack of prosecution, etc).
- There were **138 juvenile victims** of school violence aggravated assault in 2011, representing **56%** of all school violence aggravated assaults. **50%** of school violence aggravated assault offenders were also juveniles.
- **44%** of the assault victims were female, and **56%** were male. **52%** of the assault victims were white, **47%** were black, and **1%** of victims were of another race.
- **50%** of assault offenders were male, **19%** were female and **31%** were unknown. **26%** of school violence aggravated assault offenders were white, **42%** were black, and **32%** were other or unknown.
- Handguns were used in **2%** of the school violence aggravated assaults, knives in **9%**, hands, fists or feet in **77%**, and other dangerous weapons in **12%**. **67%** of victims reported injuries.
- **46%** of the aggravated assault victims were acquaintances with the offender and **2%** were a friend of the offender. **28%** of the aggravated assault victims were the teacher or student of the offender. **2%** of the aggravated assault victims were the boyfriend or girlfriend of the offender, **1%** was the son or daughter, **1%** was the husband or wife, and **2%** were other family. **2%** of the victims were strangers to the offender, and in **17%** of the aggravated assaults the relationship between the victim and offender was unknown.
- **39%** of school violence aggravated assaults occurred at an elementary or secondary school, **18%** occurred at a college or university, and **43%** occurred at an unspecified type of school.

**School Violence Aggravated Assault 2011  
Relationship of Victim to Offender**

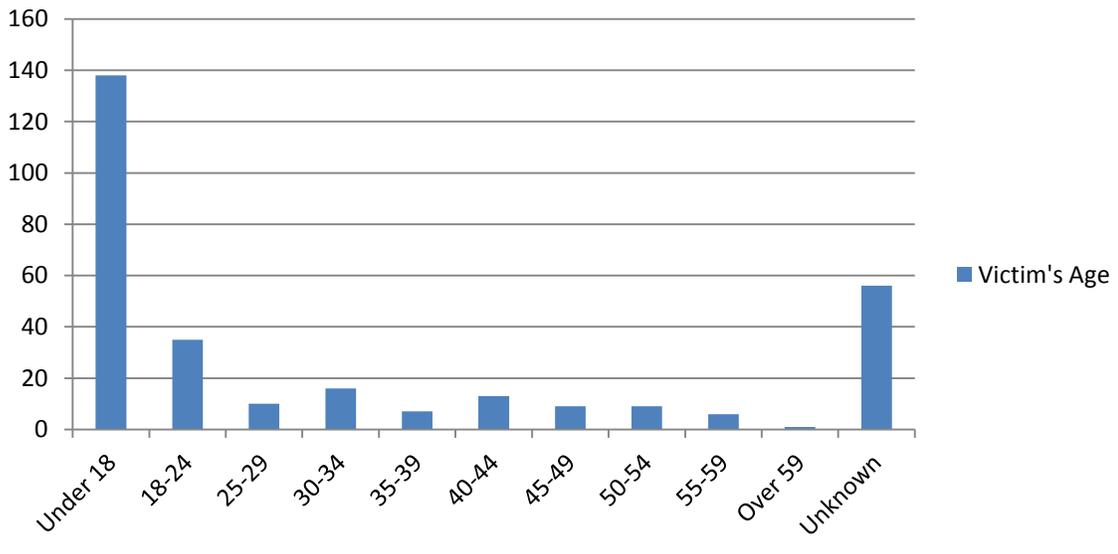
<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Acquaintance	114	46%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4	2%
Co-worker	1	0%
Friend	6	2%
Husband/Wife	2	1%
Other Family	4	2%
Son/Daughter	2	1%
Stranger	4	2%
Teacher/Student	70	28%
Unknown	41	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>100%</b>



## School Violence Aggravated Assault by School Type



## School Violence Aggravated Assault Victim's Age



## *School Violence – Simple Assault*

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- There were **1,844** school violence simple assaults reported in 2011, representing **3%** of the **62,420** simple assaults reported during that time frame. On average there were **5** school violence simple assaults reported per day.
- The school violence simple assault rate for the state was **38.4** per 100,000 inhabitants, based on the latest reporting year of 2011. **43%** of school violence simple assaults were cleared. **28%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- There were **1,047 juvenile victims** of school violence simple assault in 2011, representing **57%** of all school violence simple assaults. **40%** of school violence simple assault offenders were also juveniles.
- **54%** of the victims of school violence simple assault were female, **45%** were male and **1%** was unknown. **56%** of the victims were white, **42%** black, and **2%** were of another race or unknown.
- **44%** of simple assault offenders were male, and **24%** were female and **32%** were unknown. **34%** of school violence simple assault offenders were white, **33%** were black, and **33%** were other or unknown.
- Handguns were used in **1%** of the school violence simple assaults, knives in **1%**, hands, fists or feet in **92%**, and other dangerous weapons in **6%**. **73%** of school violence simple assault victims reported no injuries, while **27%** reported injuries.
- **49%** of the simple assault victims were an acquaintance of the offender. **19%** of the simple assault victims were a teacher or student of the offender. **5%** of the simple assault victims were the boyfriend or girlfriend of the offender, **4%** were a friend, **2%** were the husband or wife, **3%** were other family, **1%** was a stranger, and in **16%** of the simple assaults the relationship between the victim and offender was unknown.
- **44%** of school violence simple assaults occurred at an elementary or secondary school, while **22%** occurred at a college or university and **34%** occurred at an unspecified type of school.

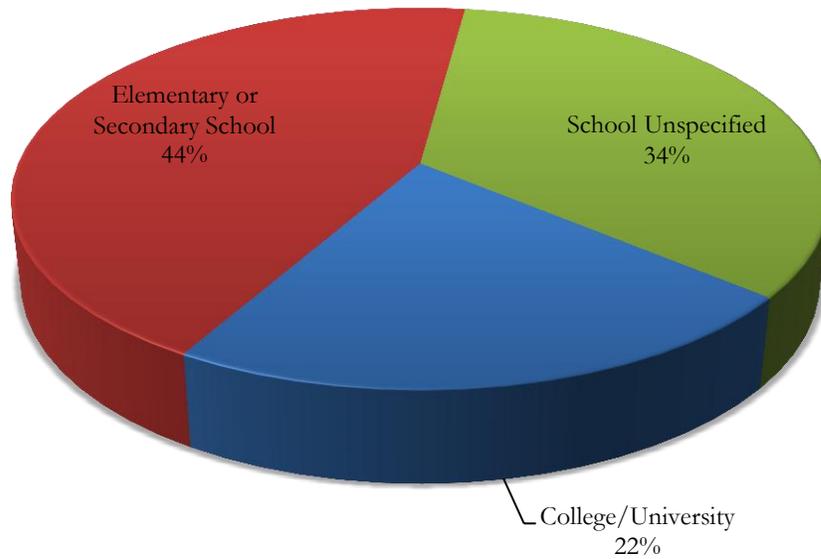
**Simple assault** is an assault in which the victim did not sustain serious or aggravated injuries, and in which hands, fist or feet are usually the only weapons involved.

**School Violence Simple Assault 2011  
Relationship of Victim to Offender**

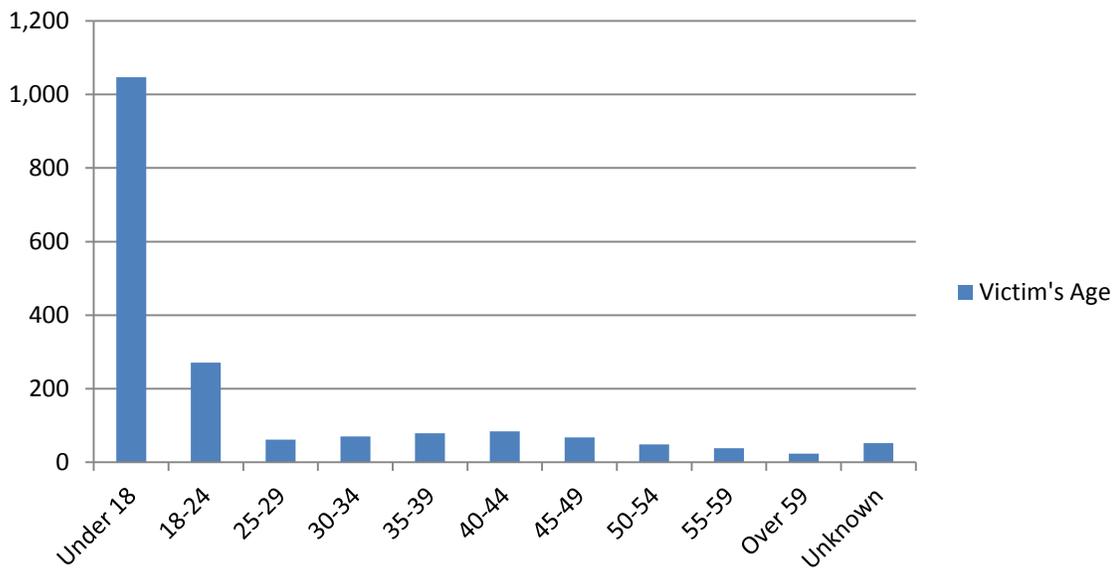
<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Acquaintance	914	49%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	90	5%
Co-worker	9	0%
Employee/Employer	3	0%
Father/Mother	11	1%
Friend	69	4%
Husband/Wife	39	2%
Other Family	26	1%
Son/Daughter	16	1%
Stranger	25	1%
Teacher/Student	348	19%
Unknown	294	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>100%</b>



### School Violence Simple Assault by School Type



### School Violence Simple Assault Victim's Age



## *School Violence 2011 – Offender Data*

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- Offender information was included in **68%** of school violence offenses reported in Alabama in 2011. **32%** of all school violence offenses did not include any information about the offender, or the offender was unknown.
- **72%** of school violence offenses that occurred at elementary or secondary schools included offender information.
- **50%** of offenses that occurred at colleges or universities included offender information, and **73%** of offenses that occurred at unspecified types of schools included information about the offender.
- Taking into account just reports that included offender information:
  - **66%** of these reported school violence offenders were male, and **34%** were female.
  - **100%** of these reported school violence offenders for **homicide, rape and robbery** were male. **72%** of these reported school violence aggravated assault offenders were male, and **65%** of reported school violence simple assault offenders were male.
  - **51%** of these reported school violence offenders were black, **48%** were white, and **1%** of the offenders were of another race.
  - **20%** of these school violence offenders were described as either the student or the teacher of the victim, while only **1%** of the violent offenses occurred between co-workers, employees or employers.
  - **49%** of these school violence offenders were acquainted with the victim. **5%** of school violence offenders were family members, **4%** were friends, **4%** were boyfriend/girlfriend, and **17%** the relationship was unknown. Only **1%** of school violence offenders were strangers to the victim.
  - **68%** of reported school violence offenders were juveniles, and **32%** were adults.
  - In elementary schools, **72%** of reported offenders were juveniles. In colleges and universities **60%** of reported offenders were adults, and in schools where the type of school was unspecified **74%** of reported offenders were juveniles.

## *School Violence 2011 - Conclusion*

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- School violence was indicated in **2%** of all violent offenses and **3%** of all simple assaults reported in Alabama in 2011. **11%** of all school violence offenses were cleared by the arrest of a juvenile, **6%** by the arrest of an adult, **27%** by exceptional clearance (lack of prosecution), and **56%** of the offenses were not cleared.
- **53%** of the victims of school violence were **female**.
- **Juveniles** made up **57%** of the school violence victims. Juveniles represented the largest number of school violence victims in the robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault categories. Juveniles ages **13-17** made up **42%** of all victims of school violence in 2011. **10%** of all victims were ages **10-12** and **10%** were ages **18-19**.
- **49%** of school violence victims were acquaintances with the offender. **5%** of school violence victims were family members, **4%** were friends, **4%** were boyfriend/girlfriend, and **17%** were unknown. Only **1%** of school violence victims and offenders were strangers.
- **20%** of school violence offenses were between students and teachers, while only **1%** of the violent offenses occurred between co-workers, employees or employers.
- **45%** of school violence offenders were male. **41%** of school violence offenders were juveniles.
- Hands, fists or feet were the weapon used in **90%** of the school violence offenses. **31%** of school violence victims reported injuries.
- Although **43%** of school violence offenses occurred at an elementary or secondary school, only **15%** of the victims were of elementary school age. **42%** of the victims were of middle school or high school student age, in the range of **13-17** years old.
- **22%** of school violence offenses occurred at a college or university. **16%** of all school violence victims were of college age, in the range of **18-24** years old. A total of **19** colleges and universities in Alabama submitted 2011 crime statistics for the uniform crime report.
- **39%** of school violence offenses occurring at elementary schools were cleared, **37%** occurring at colleges or universities were cleared, and **54%** of the offenses occurring at an unspecified type of school were cleared.

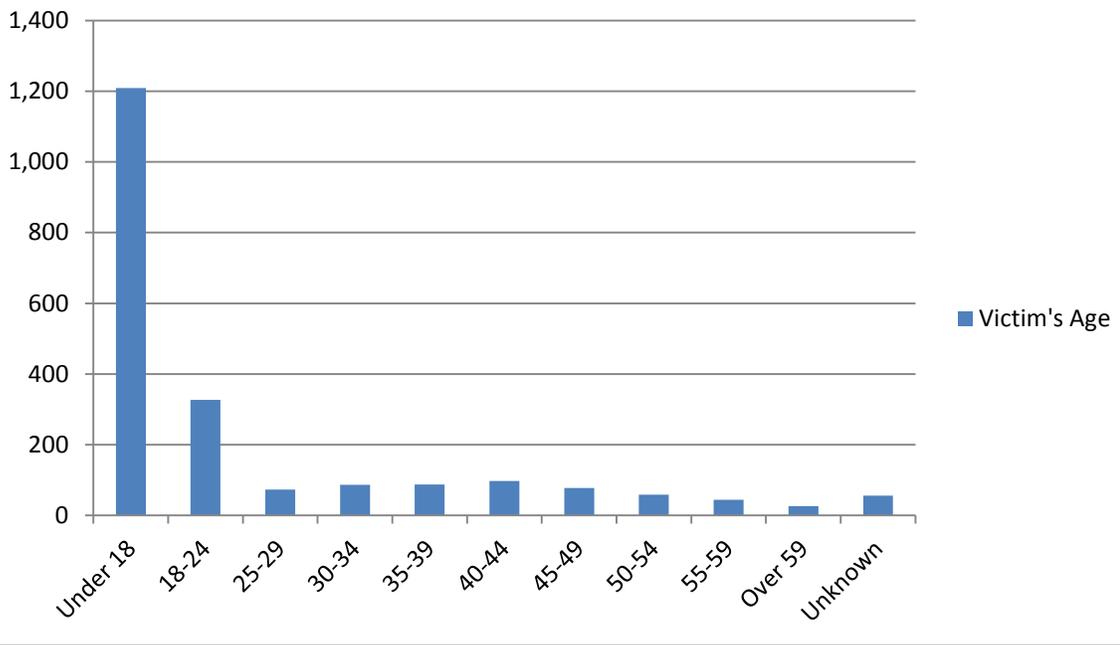
**School Violence Total 2011**  
**Relationship of Victim to Offender**

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Homicide</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>Total</b>
Acquaintance	0	8	8	114	914	<b>1,044</b>
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	0	1	0	4	90	<b>95</b>
Co-worker	0	0	0	1	9	<b>10</b>
Employee/Employer	0	0	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
Father/Mother	0	0	0	0	11	<b>11</b>
Friend	1	4	1	6	69	<b>81</b>
Husband/Wife	0	0	0	2	39	<b>41</b>
Other Family	0	0	0	4	26	<b>30</b>
Son/Daughter	0	0	0	2	16	<b>18</b>
Stranger	0	0	2	4	25	<b>31</b>
Teacher/Student	0	1	2	70	348	<b>421</b>
Unknown	0	3	17	41	294	<b>355</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>2,140</b>

**School Violence by Victim Age 2011**

<b>Victim's Age</b>	<b>Homicide</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Under 10	0	0	1	13	83	<b>97</b>	<b>5%</b>
10 – 12	0	1	1	29	190	<b>221</b>	<b>10%</b>
13 – 17	0	7	14	96	774	<b>891</b>	<b>42%</b>
18 – 19	1	4	7	24	173	<b>209</b>	<b>10%</b>
20 – 24	0	4	5	11	98	<b>118</b>	<b>6%</b>
25 – 29	0	1	0	10	62	<b>73</b>	<b>3%</b>
30 – 34	0	0	0	16	70	<b>86</b>	<b>4%</b>
35 – 39	0	0	1	7	79	<b>87</b>	<b>4%</b>
40 – 44	0	0	0	13	84	<b>97</b>	<b>5%</b>
45 – 49	0	0	0	9	68	<b>77</b>	<b>4%</b>
50 – 54	0	0	0	9	49	<b>58</b>	<b>3%</b>
55 – 59	0	0	0	6	38	<b>44</b>	<b>2%</b>
Over 59	0	0	1	1	24	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>
Unknown	0	0	0	4	52	<b>56</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>100%</b>

### School Violence Total Violent Crime Victim's Age



### Total School Violence 2011 by Clearance Type

